



WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

to the California Medical Association

Membership Objectives

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY to the California Medical Association was organized at the request of the Medical Association, to complement its organization. The Auxiliary's policies are determined by the CMA. All projects undertaken have been suggested by the Association or have its approval. The Auxiliary objectives parallel those of its parent organization, in all fields except the scientific. Our prime goal is to assist the Medical Association in its program for the best medical care for all.

An important outgrowth of the Auxiliary is the friendly relations and understanding created between physicians' families at local, state and national levels. On the local level, this will enhance a physician's position among his colleagues. Through friendships, it promotes mutual understanding of common problems. A liaison of interest is created between the physician and his wife, through the educational and service programs of both organizations.

The effectiveness of any organization can be measured by the number and type of members it comprises. The larger the Auxiliary, the better it can function in such fields as Community Service, Public Relations and Legislation. As a group, wives of physicians are leaders in their communities, both socially and philanthropically. Since they are in the public eye, they present an image which is associated with medicine. As a member of the Auxiliary, she will be kept informed on all pertinent questions and be able to speak intelligently on such matters. Programs are related to the educational aspects of medicine as well as the social. A well informed physician's wife is an asset to medicine in general and to each physician indi-

vidually. In the field of legislation alone, the Auxiliary has contributed much to stem the tide of socialized medicine. This is our reason for asking every physician to encourage his wife to join the Auxiliary.

Public Relations and Legislation are not the only fields in which the Auxiliary is active. It has played a major role in Physicians' Benevolence and American Medical Association Education & Research Foundation. Last year the Auxiliary presented over \$300,000 to American Medical Association Education & Research Foundation in the belief that medical schools should be maintained by private means rather than reliance on government aid, and that financial problems can best be solved by free enterprise. Taking care of physicians and their wives in time of need is also of major importance. The Auxiliary subscribes to this ideal, and has a committee set up to raise funds for local, state and national benevolence.

Scholarships for these allied health professions and services are sponsored by the Auxiliary in the form of loans, grants or outright scholarships. Almost every county auxiliary in the United States has such a project. Supplying qualified medical personnel is another instance of promoting free enterprise.

At present, California has the largest State Auxiliary in the nation. However, we cannot be satisfied until our membership almost equals that of the California Medical Association. At present it is just a little over one third of that number. Almost two-thirds of the physicians' wives in California are not associated with the Auxiliary. It is our desire to enroll as many of these women as possible within the next year.

The American Medical Association, Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, and the California Medical Association have given us the impetus to bridge this gap: They have given support to proposals for joint husband-and-wife membership. This can only be realized with the cooperation of physicians at the county level. We

have suggested that each County Auxiliary meet with its local Medical Society and make arrangements for instigation of this program. Through this the wife automatically becomes a member when her husband is accepted into the medical society. To date, this program is being used successfully in some form in 15 counties. By paying your wife's dues, you are insuring her that she belongs and is a part of the total medical picture.

The Auxiliary has always cooperated to the fullest when called upon by the Medical Association. We are eager to assist and we are alert to the problems facing medicine. How better can we serve our husbands and our community than by being affiliated with the Auxiliary, organized especially for us.

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